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Dear Mr. President:

The tragic events of this weekend, which resulted in the death of Congressman Leo Ryan and perhaps hundreds of other Americans in Guyana, require a full, formal investigation by the United States government and the apprehension of those responsible, if they are still alive.

Any such investigation would, of course, require the full cooperation of the Guyanese government and I assume that the necessary steps for seeking such cooperation have already been initiated. I trust that our government has also offered its full assistance to the Guyanese.

The investigation should focus not only on the specific events of this incident, but also on the existence and maintenance of other colonies of Americans which may be located abroad and the effect on the rights and welfare of U.S. citizens. There are a number of issues to be addressed, some of which are: the status of their citizenship; the role of the host government; and the role or responsibility of the United States government.

I believe a joint State-Justice Department investigation should be launched immediately to look into all of these issues. As the chairman of the Subcommittee on International Operations, I would want to be kept fully informed of the progress and results of such an investigation.

I know you share my sense of horror and sadness over Congressman Ryan's and the other Americans' deaths and will act promptly to do whatever is necessary to uncover the facts of this bizarre event.

Sincerely,

DANTE B. FASCELL
Member of Congress

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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The Honorable Cyrus Vance
Secretary
Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20520

re: Peace Corps in Guyana including death of Congressman Ryan.

Dear Cy:

Enclosed, for your information, is a copy of a letter which I have sent to the President today.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

DANTE B. FASCELL
Member of Congress

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